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that are completely retired, probably it isn't going to make thit much difference. But I don't think that...we have to think...we shouldn't just think about those that are serving now, but those that we hope will serve in the future, and we hope to have a good mix in here of people who are not only gainfully engaged in business right now, farming or whatever their vocation is, but retired as well, and those that are trying to do business will have more difficulty. And that gives me some concerns about the bill. And I haven't said that before, and so I'm...I'm, not saying at this point that I've got my mind made up, but that is my concern. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Madam President. Senator Witek, amendments to be printed to (LB) 450, (LB) 798, and (LB) 186. Senator Landis to (LB) 372 and (LB) 424 and (LB) 727. Natural Resources, Madam President, will meet in Exec Session today at 11:00, Room 2022. Natural Resources, 11:00. (See pages 1433-35 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Stuhr, your light is next, followed by Senators Schimek and Suttle.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I have found this discussion very interesting. It seems to appear that change is very difficult, and everyone is very reluctant to make a change, and I know personally, I find it also difficult. But that doesn't mean that we shouldn't attempt to make change. Just on the light side, they say that the only person that really enjoys change is a baby with a wet diaper, and I think that's probably very true. Senator Wickersham made several remarks about the possibility of new senators having access to a room, having access to staff, I remember very distinctly three years ago when I came to the Legislature that I wanted the opportunity for my staff just to have some hands-on experience, and I was emphatically told, over and over, they do not begin until the day that you are sworn in. Now, it seems that we haven't made some attempt in the last years to accommodate new legislators, but evidently, it hasn't been a